

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Bicycle Advisory Board

800 CHA, 25 West 4th Street, Saint Paul, MN 55112 – ph. 651-266-6217

APPROVED OCTOBER MINUTES

SUBJECT: Bicycle Advisory Board Monthly meeting October 13, 2009

ATTENDING: David Kuebler (Public Works), Ed Lehr (Ward 7), Jonathan Carter (Parks and Rec Commission), Richard Arey (Ward 1), Kate Reilly (PED), Matthew Cole (Ward 5), Eric Thompson (Parks and Rec), Rob Vanasek (Ward 4), Jessica Treat (St. Paul Smart Trips), Kurt Schroeder (Ward 2),

ABSENT: Chris Budel (At-Large), Rob Barbosa (Ward 6), Don Muske (Ward 3), Sarah Nasset (Police), Kera Peterson (At-Large), Eric Haugee (At-Large)

GUESTS: Becky Alper, Andy Singer, Liz Walton (MnDOT)

SUBMITTED BY: David Kuebler
Once received, notes recorded by Ward 5 BAB representative will be appended to these minutes and included as part of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER AGENDA AND JUNE MINUTES
(with agenda additions/deletions as determined)

Motion to approve October agenda as amended: Lehr

Seconded: Arey

Discussion: Add under “Project Updates” of “Old Business” prior to the update of the proposed Jefferson Bikeway project to discuss the Central Corridor Bike/Walk Action Plan; Add under “Project Updates” of “Old Business” after the update of the proposed Jefferson Bikeway project to discuss the Sam Morgan Trail update; Add under “Work Plan Update” of “Old Business” Jessica Treat to provide an update of the Snow Removal meeting with respect to Marshall Avenue.

Vote

Yeas	Nays	Absent
<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>

Motion Carried

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Motion to approve June minutes: Lehr

Seconded: Cole

Discussion: Under Item 3a of “Old Business” include note “doesn’t appear web site will be moving forward in any meaningful way”.

Under Item No. 2g of “New Business” revise the roll call vote for Haugee from Absent to Abtain, for Treat from Absent to Abstain and for Vanasek from Absent to Abstain.

Vote

Yeas	Nays	Absent
7	0	5

Motion Carried

Motion to approve September minutes: Vanasek

Seconded: Lehr

Discussion: Under Item 3 of “Appearances Before the Board” add information as it relates to the use of Como Avenue by bicyclists during the State Fair.

Delete Item 2a under “New Business”.

Vote

Yeas	Nays	Absent
7	0	5

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

1. St. Paul Bike Classic
 - a. Richard Arey provided information as to the record turn out for the event (greater than 6,000 bicyclists) and that the goal is to showcase St. Paul. Great way to showcase St. Paul’s parks and parkways.
 - b. Jefferson Avenue update => please see notes from Ward 5 representative appended to these minutes.
 - c. Sam Morgan Trail update

Eric T. provided update of project (see attachment) and asked for letter of support from BAB to move forward with project with construction to take

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place in 2010. Discussion took place as it relates to the letter of support and the issue of the BAB not being included in the design phase of the project. Concern was expressed that lighting would be eliminated prior to the elimination of the landscaping and the overlook if funding becomes tight. BAB requested that the letter include wording that if funding becomes tight that the landscaping and the overlook should be eliminated and the lighting should remain. BAB also expressed concern regarding the minimum width of a shared use facility. BAB requested the minimum width to be 10 feet rather than the 8 feet proposed.

Arey volunteered to write the letter working in concert with Eric Thompson. Eric stated that comments regarding the design could be presented to him and he would be the designer in Parks with the comments.

Vanasek stated the letter could include language that stated the BAB wished they would have been consulted sooner and that at “pinch points” the lighting should be kept.

BAB stated the lowest priority was the landscaping.

Motion for a letter of support be sent to the City’s Parks Department by Richard Arey working with Eric T. Vanasek

Seconded: Lehr

Vote

Yeas	Nays	Absent
7	0	5

1. Subcommittee updates

- a. Engineering /Evaluation
- b. Public Works provided graph of data to date as well as graph of data collected in 1992 of Summit pre and post bike lane installation (see attached).

Committee members provided information with respect to the October counts and the need for volunteers. Cole volunteered to count Como, Lehr volunteered to Mississippi River Trail at Warner Road and Kate Reilly stated the Emily Goodman from PED volunteered to count Kellogg at Wabasha.

Information was presented with respect to counting all downtown exits in the spring of 2010 to see if movement(s) into downtown can be determined.

- c. Enforcement/Education

Information was provided Jessica Treat as it relates to the snow removal

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pilot project proposed for Marshall Avenue between the river and Hamline. Parking would be restricted two nights per week for removing snow and keeping the bike lanes clean. The sides of the street where parking is restricted would alternate. At a neighborhood meeting held in September only 4 or 5 people showed up to and they were in support of the project. No detractors showed up. Signs are supposed to be in by the end of October. Public Works would prefer the ban to be year round. The project is being called the Improved Snow Clearance Pilot.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Lehr

Seconded: Cole

Discussion None noted

Vote

Yeas	Nays	Absent
7	0	5

Motion Carried

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 10, 2009; 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM** at Oxford Recreation Center

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Notes by Matthew Cole

Richard Arey: would like to bring attention to some bike routes which are in poor shape

David Kuebler: perhaps include Jefferson Bike Boulevard in a short route of Saint Paul Classic in future. Generally happy with the Classic

Quorum shows with me and then Kurt Schroeder.

Shepherd Road Trail—looking for support on alignment of the trail.

Bike Walk Central Corridor action plan—draft out, comments due by November 16.

Then it goes to City Council. 11/16 is after next meeting.

Andy Singer: did they count bicycles anywhere on the streets in the central corridor? The answer was no. It would be nice to see what the bicycle usage along University is.

Difficulty: Public Works didn't have resources to do bicycle counts. They did an online survey. Andy Singer: probably half the cyclists on University are Hmong or Hispanic but wouldn't be reached by usual cycling email lists etc. PED: University is a route in the bike plan.

Agenda and Minutes looked after

Old Business:

Jefferson Bikeway. Dave Kuebler brought a few maps of the Jefferson Bikeway project. Multi modal from Mississippi River Boulevard to Sam Morgan. Snelling to Fairview would be two-sided parking. Neighborhood meeting 2 weeks ago. Presented the idea of traffic calming circles at Wheeler, Davern and somewhere else. In the eastern reaches it's over 1000 vehicles a day.

Fairview to Cleveland. Eliminate some stop signs (at Kenneth) and do some traffic circles. Possible speed bumps/tables

Cleveland to Mississippi River Boulevard –diverter at Cretin w/signs and markings. Vehicles could make right turns only, bikes could go through). Speed table at a road close to the Mississippi River Boulevard.

Lexington to Victoria—bike lanes and sidewalks. Victoria/vance/bay (?not sure of street names), bumpouts. Bike lanes to West 7th, lighting improvements. Decrease in speed limit from Ayd Mill to Victoria. Bumpout at Duke or Colburn east of West 7th.

Pavements markings and destination signs along entire corridor, some different treatments.

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Lexington to Mississippi River Boulevard meeting. Four Public Works reps helping discussions with four groups, based on which portion of street. The discussion moved from bicycle facility to multi-modal facility (cutting down cut-through traffic) the discussion was friendlier. David Kuebler is going to draft a proposal to TLC. Support Lexington to Mississippi River Boulevard is probably 50/50 for bike boulevard, but since lighting/sidewalks going in, there's more favor on that half the project. Next step is city to work with TLC on proposal. Portions of the corridor are 2014 RSVP (Cleveland to Fairview) Residential Street Vitality Program funding, 2016 for the rest. Those are the timeframes to do intersection improvements.

Fairview/Macalester is an RSVP along Jefferson and a bit of Fairview...if we're looking to implement intersection improvements, that would be the time to do that one as well. It may be that we implement some parts at one time (direction signs, pavement markings) with the federal money, then do improvements as the RSVP cycles through. Jessica Treat: does RSVP have funding for diverters, improvements? David Kuebler: have to be discussed, first have to see if it's viable with TLC. Andy Singer: Traffic light at Fairview? Going out? David Kuebler: Traffic signal at Fairview is planned to stay there. This is met with approval.

Eric Thompson: at the move fast part of a project, Between Highway 5 going over the river towards I-35, then trail going east on south side of Shepherd. They are talking about realigning and repaving path—mostly two separated paths, but there are a couple of pinch points where they can't do the separated trails at 10 ft, they'll do 8 ft. Ten feet is preferred; eight foot separated when needed to keep separated; when really pinched, and it happens a couple of times, it'll be 8 to 10 ft shared with markings. Eric Thompson handed out some drawings showing the cross-sections at various bits. There are going to be narrow bits. Signage is part of the project in terms of indicating trail use, not directional. Lighting like the Sam Morgan Trail closer to downtown, but the lighting would be about the first thing to go if budget is a problem. There is a scenic overlook at some point. We'd like to support the project with a 10 ft minimum shared, as eight ft is a bit narrow. We'd prefer to ditch the overlook rather than the lighting; if lighting rationed, like to ensure it's in the choke points rather than on long clear bits.

There is a pinch point at Elway, where there may not be an option to shift the path over. There are tricky slopes near bluffs where there will be a concrete beveling system dowelled together. The money is there, they're going to move forward.

Richard Arey: they must have looked at it very carefully. Up at the top by Crosby Farm Rd, they'll realign trail closer to the bluff, though the path will loop a bit more (making more park ambience). Down to Elway, the park butts up to trail, then a big bluff dropoff; we'd have to cantilever or dump pile of fill, and we're in a scenic river corridor so that isn't likely.

Richard Arey volunteers to write BAB letter of support; he's got a lot of history with it,

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No Wayfinding signage, probably a bit of signing that it's the Sam Morgan Trail.

Move and second to have Richard Arey draft letter working with Eric Thompson .

Some draft count stuff; some 1992 Summit counts, showing that the lanes did result in higher counts along Summit. David Kuebler is happy with the counts we've got. October 20th, rain date Wednesday 21st.

Talking about doing an April/May count of all downtown St Paul exits.

Enforcement. Snow plowing on Marshall. Union Park District Council hosted with Ward 4 office, flyer'd up and down Marshall and surrounding streets. Four or five people came to the meeting, all supportive of the alternate side Tuesday/Wednesday no-parking to allow plowing the street to full width. They want to have signs up by end of October, then flying neighbors. Paul St Martin likes the idea of doing it year-round like on Grand, it instills good behavior. We want it to Hamline, unclear if plan is to Snelling or Hamline. City is going to evaluate in 2010 to see how it's working.